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MI-AMIGO STAFF FINED +

LOGBOOK & USUAL FEATURES!



VERONICA'S TRANSMITTING GEAR CONFISCATED

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FOCUS NEWSREEL

Veronica raid. The 'Angela' (formerly Mebo I) which housed all Veronica's transmitting gear was raided by Dutch police recently following strong rumours that the gear was to be used by R.Mi-Amigo after their contract with Caroline terminates on 1/1/77. The ship was anchored near the Mebo II in Slikerveer harbour near Rotterdam, Holland.

Boat Trip court case. The organiser of the Caroline sightseeing trips, David Hutson & Walter Arthur Ord, skipper of the fishing boat used, were prosecuted at Southend on the 27/1/77. Both men pleaded guilty to charges of supplying the Mi-Amigo. Dave (27) was fined £25 for wearing a Caroline badge, £50 for delivering letters & £50 for delivering newspapers. Arthur (68) was fined £100 for delivering letters & £100 for delivering newspapers. Both were ordered to pay £20 costs. The bulk of the evidence came from a statement by Detective Constable Gary Skull (no crossbones?) which was read out by Miss Jeraine Roberts for the director of public prosecutions. Skull, of the drug squad, was on the 1/8/76 trip wearing a cowboy hat & calling himself Simon Martin, although he did not appear, photo's taken by him were seen in court. The LFRS badge he bought from Dave was handed to the magistrate who looked rather amused by it. Dave was represented by Mr. Orlando Pownall, Arthur defended himself.

The public gallery was packed to capacity with supporters from all over England & Wales & included representatives of the LFRS, NFRM, FRC, & Monitor magazine. Outside, the 50 or so supporters were asked to move along by the boys in blue who threatened us with arrest as most of us were wearing Caroline badges, so our demonstrators moved further up the road. Placards were supplied by the LFRS including one about the Liverpool stickers case. We were filmed by Anglia TV (whom Albert Hood informed of the demo'), they showed the demo' on their local news that evening. Reports also appeared in the Southend Evening Echo & the Daily Telegraph. Dave thanked us for turning up & then we all dashed off to drown our sorrows at the local Inn! For those who haven't made the pilgrimage to the Mi-Amigo, don't worry, the boat trips will continue!

(Chris Martin.)

Mi-Amigo Court Case. In a huge Brussels court case in November last year 42 people were all charged with assisting R.Mi-Amigo (RMA) & so contravened the Belgian MOA ratified in 1962. Sylvain Tack was sentenced to a years imprisonment & fined 147,000FB (about £40,000) for various charges of extortion & fraud over the financing of RMA so it looks as if he is well & truly in exile in Spain! He was tried in his absence. RMA's public relations officer, 28 year old Christian Hendricks was given a one month suspended sentence for his part in the monetary affairs + a six month suspended prison sentence & a fine of 2,000,000 FB (Belgian Francs) for working on an illegal offshore station. 18 other people were fined & six others acquitted, many of those fined were employed by firms advertising on Mi-Amigo.

Caroline. Tests from the Mi-Amigo have been heard late at night on 312m bringing about rumours of new 50kW transmitters to be used on this channel. Johnny Jason returned to Caroline at the beginning of Feb', welcome back! Reception on 259m is slightly better in the evenings now.

Continued Opposite.

INVICTA PROMOTIONS have a number of Offshore Radio tapes for sale, so if you want to listen to the pirate radio boom of the Offshore Era, write today with an SAE for the tape list on Offshore Radio to:-
7, Crossbeck Way, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, England.....

Voice Of Peace. The Peace Ship was eventually granted it's request to sail down the Suez canal at the end of last year, they sailed to the Gulf of Aquaba and back. They are back on the air 24hrs/day on 1540kHz. Mebo II. Following another load of rumours about the whereabouts of the Mebo II the latest that we have is that the ship is in drydock being repainted & due to legal wrangles it has been re-arrested by the Dutch authorities.

R. France Culture on 1376kHz which is owned by the French government broadcast a special on free radio on 16/1/77 starting at 19.40hrs. It included a 1hr documentary on Offshore radio with recordings of; Mercur, Caroline, London, RNI, Veronica, & Atlantis. There was then a history of landbased free radio including the British & Italian FR scene & an interview with the R. Jackie staff & some studio recordings of R. Jackie. The programme was rounded up with interviews & recordings of Italian free radio stations. Congrats to ORF France! Well BBC staff, how about something similar??!

Mi-Amigo. Joop Verhoof has now left RMA, he presented his farewell prog' on Thurs' 9/12/76. (Definitely a sad loss to RMA.) Stan Haag has now definitely left RMA, the official story is that he's in Switzerland. RMA now has a French language service on Saturdays between 05.00-11.00hrs. The first one went out on 15/1/77.

After all that Offshore news this edition, now to the landbased scene! London Music Radio returned on 2/1/77 on 1358kHz despite the raid on Christmas morning at 2.10am when all their transmitting gear was confiscated by Home Office officials after leaving it unattended. At first it wasn't realised that the men removing the equipment were the HomO, & they chased their van in their car for a while. At 4.20am the FM gear was removed by officials. £300 worth of gear was lost in all. R. Valentine returned on 2/1/77 with their last ever broadcast, following a raid on the Belgian border by German & Belgian authorities on 5/12/76. In that raid Johnny O'Brien lost studio equipment worth thousands of pounds. Valentine signed off with; "This is goodbye, not for a month, not for a year, but forever." The frequency was 6265kHz & modulation was poor. Mystery station in FRF6 article on East Anglia pirates, 'Liberty R.' was run by a Don & a freind at Cambridge, they used a home built 10w transmitter. Following a visit by Police at their mailing address they closed down. The Free Radio Service is an organisation which lends their address out to stations, so far R. Verona, R. Northsea (former R. Sovereign), a new station from FRG & 5 Finnish stations use their address which is; PO Box 41, Dedmsvaart 7200, Holland. On Christmas Day R. Jackie were raided by Police but in true X-mas spirit were allowed to continue! Richard Royal, operator of R. Neptune Int' (see FRF8) was ordered to pay £60 in fines & costs by Cambridgeshire county magistrates court on 19/1/77, for establishing & using a radio station without a licence. The HomO claimed he was interfering with the BBC World Service channel, (it is not intended for listeners in GB anyway!) R. Solent City will be presenting a special 'Carnival' programme on 20/2/77 to coincide with the carnival season in Germany, the programme will be presented by Reinhold Mardorf in German on 6280kHz. Leicester news; R. Christmas was on 539m with 15w on Boxing Day between 15.00 & 18.00. R. Atlantis was heard on X-mas day on 186m at 11.00. R. Free Midlands was heard on 250m on Xmas Sunday from 10.00.

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Rock radio silenced

Two men who set up a pirate radio station transmitting heavy rock music at Witney, Oxfordshire, were conditionally discharged and ordered to forfeit their equipment by local magistrates. They were Edward Fisher, 28, of Crawley Road, Witney, and Malcolm Larn, 23, of New Yatt Road, Witney.

This cutting was in the Northern edition of THE DAILY TELEGRAPH on 8/1/77. No station name was mentioned. Anybody know the name??

CAROLINE MINI-POSTERS (A4 size) now out!! 5p each
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Blank PO'S or cash. SAE with each order please!!
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BOAT-TRIP TO THE MI-AMIGO

Part 1 (By Chris Martin) Journey out & round the Mi-Amigo.

Early next morning, I was awoken by the landlord with a cup of tea. I looked out of the bedroom window & saw a familiar figure in a floppy hat. On boarding the fishing boat I found the familiar figure to be John Shannon of the R. Caroline roadshow. Also onboard was Georgina Hood whose husband Albert I had passed on the breakwater without knowing it. Mr. Ord (the skipper) rowed back to the breakwater to pick up some more people, meanwhile we were doing battle with the Home Office wasps, we know they were sent by the Home Office as they were attacking John Shannon more than anyone else.

After some creaking & shouts of "Firewood going cheap" we moored off. It was a nice Saturday with a clear sky & slight breeze. A portable radio was on deck belting out Radio Mi-Amigo as the 192 tx was still off the air at the time. For 3 hours we sat chatting & watching

robot lighthouses go by. Suddenly someone standing on the deck said they could see the Mi-Amigo at which Val became very excited. She asked me if I could see it, I said I could not. Three askings later I looked up & saw a pencil thin mast appearing out of the mist. My main feeling was one of relief, especially after the problems a week or so ago.

The sea became noticeably choppy as we neared the ship, sending spray over the bow, but no one was bothered. After a circuit of the ship & a lot of shouting a member of the crew appeared from the stern & waved at us & said in broken English that he would go & wake them. As we moved in closer I could see holes just above the decking in the stern & streaks of rust down the side of the upper studio. It is very hard to take in the details of the ship in the time you are there, especially through the viewfinder of a camera. The tiny fishing boat was pitching heavily & I was having difficulty keeping my balance. Mr. Ord decided to pull away to avoid damaging the ship. This action made Val even more excited (if that is possible). She went to the stern of the boat & then told Mr. Ord in no uncertain terms to move back towards the ship. I didn't hear what Val said, but she later apologised to him.

Eventually we moved in closer to the ship, closer than we bargained for. An extra large wave caused the mast on the bow of the boat to hit one of the spreaders on the Mi-Amigo's mast. There was a loud "Bang" & the dj's looked at their mast & we looked at ours, but luckily there was not any damage. We circled the ship for about 10 minutes although it seemed like 30 seconds before we finally pulled away. On the last circuit, I noticed large gouge marks on the bow, presumably the result of the fiasco in November '75, and an anchor on the deck. As we turned back towards home, Val said she would be back tomorrow, "Make it later, instead of in the middle of the night," the dj's joked. We waved them goodbye & gave them three cheers.

Part 2 (By Graham Murray) Journey back (via a sandbank!)

Soon it was time to return to Essex. On the way the filters were again flooded with water, the rain was banging on the roof along with hailstones. Dark was approaching & we were only one hour from Caroline. It soon became foggy, we followed the bouys yet again which were flashing out lights to guide us into the estuary (the Frinton Flasher?) soon the fog was too thick to see through, Mr. DJS went to guide the boat in & to watch for anything in the water. Ten minutes later we were on a sandbank. We tried to rock the boat off, no good... Continued opposite.....

 Yellow & Blue Caroline Badges!! 12p each or, 4 for 36p. Please enclose an SAE with each order. Send now to; Mike Potter, Caroline Supplies, 7, Broom Green, North Elmham, E. Dereham, Norfolk.....
 List Of The Caroline All time TOP 100 Albums, broadcast on 259 on 1/1/77, @ 25p+sae from; Box 100, 13, The Chase, Crawley, Sx.....

...Mr.Ord said we would have to wait until 3.40approx',he then got out the charts to find out where we had landed.This turned out to be the Nersea Is. Mr.Ord went down below to find food.He found a tin of beer for the lads & enough coffee for the two girls,also a packet of biscuits.We had one each.We told jokes & listened to Caroline on the radio.Mr.Ord also told some jokes,we were all in good spirits,DJS had no smokes left,neither did Paul so we shared mine.I went out to see what the conditions were like,outside the fog had lifted,Mr.Ord climbed over the side to see the bottom of the boat, all was well.We were wet & cold.Someone thought they could hear an engine.The noise went & came back only to fade forever.There were a few creaks as the boat settled on the sand.The tide returned at 2.30am,we were sailing again.All of a sudden a bright light was cast onto the boat,it was the lifeboat,they said we had been reported missing (at 5.30pm).We were guided along towards Brightlingsea,a short time later (3.30am) we landed at the harbour,the boys in blue greeted us & took our names & addresses...I'd like to thank Mr.Ord, Paul,Buster & Albert,and D,AO,PA & the coastguards for informing people of our whereabouts.Special thanks to all onboard & we all intend to return in '77!....(Part 1 was from a trip in Sept' 76 & part 2 was from the 14/11/76 trip & not 7/11 as printed in FRF10.....)

THE HISTORY OF PIRATE RADIO IN LEICESTER.(Part 5) By Cpt. Blackbeard.

Welcome again to this edition of the continuing story.This part looks at 1976.One station I omitted from part 4 though was Ace Radio, this station only managed two transmissions during February '74 on 225m mw,these were on Saturday nights at midnight,power was reported as being at least 500watts.DJ's were Jeff Edwards & Chris Davies,no address was used.

And so onto 1976,in the last part you will remember the collapse of the first LTIR during March '75.No other stations were heard during '75.New Years Day,January 1st 1976 saw the birth of R.Free Midlands on 227m mw with a power of 35watts,RFM could be heard most Saturday nights.DJ's were Martin Caine & Mark Rodger,these were soon joined by Dave Hunter & Damion Brooks.The address was,& still is; Kent Place,Norwell,Newark,Notts.As we enter '77 RFM is still on the air but has suffered trouble from the GPO during the summer of '76.RFM is now on the 48mb sw & has plans of broadcasting on this wave-band most Sundays in '77.

R.Gloria Int'(not related to German station of same name) was the next station to be heard on the air during '76.They made one broadcast in May on 227m mw,the DJ's being Christopher John & Martin Caine,this station was infact RFM-ARL combined to do this one off broadcast.The transmission took place on a Saturday evening around 11pm,the 'Kent Place' address was used.

Delta Radio made a return broadcast during April '76 on 227m mw, the day in question was Easter Sunday & they could be heard between 2-4pm,power was 35watts & the address was once again the 'Kent Place' one.DJ's on the return broadcast were Martin Caine,Bob Owen & Peter King.

Alternative Radio Leicester made it's first broadcast during May '76 on 224m mw with a power of 10watts using the 'Kent Place' mailing address,DJ's were;Carl Thomas,Buster Brown,Christopher John,Keith Rogers,Alan May & later on,Leicester's first female dj,Samantha Brown.....Continued Overpage.

Caroline Self Adhesive Stickers!Double sided with silhouette of the Mi-Amigo,@10p+sae or 4 for 30p+sae:Self Cling type with Bell,@6p+sae, blank P.O's to:-TRS,PO Box 123,READING RG3 5JU.....

A cutting from
a local
Leicester paper
on the Delta
Radio raid.

Radio Station Delta goes off the air as pop pirate is fined

RADIO STATION DELTA had listeners not only in this country but throughout Europe.

But the mysterious late night pop music, broadcast on the frequency legally used by Radio Moscow, went off the air when Post Office investigators traced the illegal transmitter to Leicester.

Starting next edition;
The History of Free Radio in
London!

At Leicester magistrates court yesterday the pirate operator, Graham Paul Wale (22) unemployed, of 31 Cotswold Green, Leicester, was ordered to pay a total of £160. He was fined £100 for using a station for wireless telegraphy without a licence and £10 for obstructing an officer of the Post Office by giving a false name.

He was also ordered to pay £50 costs and forfeit his transmitting equipment. Both offences were admitted.

Mr. Richard Halse, prosecuting, for the Home Office, said the station was a fairly strong one and could be heard in Colchester.

A Post Office investigator on monitoring duty last March heard pop music being

transmitted in the middle of the night and traced it to Leicester. He located the equipment which incorporated a cassette and a car battery. Soon afterwards a man arrived and was seen to change the cassette.

The man gave his name as Jones and said he was resident at Leicester University. But in fact the university knew nothing of the station or the man.

Wale was seen again in April, however. He told the investigator that listeners' letters were sent to him for collection at a newsagent's shop.

Wale told the court that he knew the station was popular throughout Europe because of the number of letters he received.

"It was not interfering with any other broadcasting. We were on a frequency only used by Radio Moscow for propaganda broadcasts and we did not come on until they were off the air at 11 p.m.

Beyond means

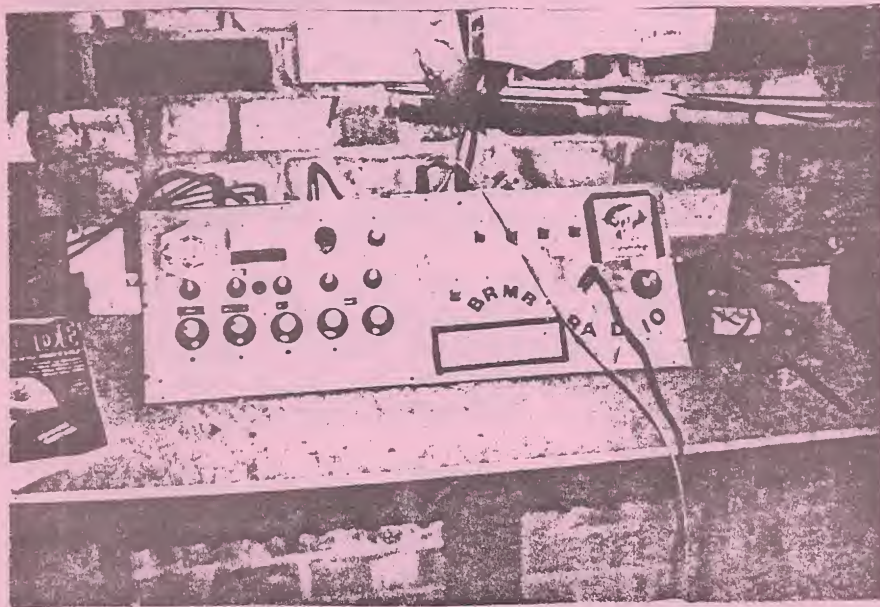
"The Independent Broadcasting Authority is the only body which can grant licences for independent radio stations and the capital needed is beyond the means of people like me.

"The only way we can do it is to become pirates."

After the case, Wale said he operated the equipment from outdoor locations in the Mowmacre Hill area for about ten months. He said he had applied unsuccessfully to numerous radio stations for jobs and he acted as a disc jockey under the name of Bob Owen at clubs in the Midlands.

"Broadcasting is in my blood. I would do it for ever if I could," he added.

A photo of part of the R.Free Midlands studio showing the home built mixer.



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History Of Pirate Radio In Leicester (Part 5) Cont'd)..... 7

...ARL were the remains of Delta R. & Independant Radio Leicester. The format was very laid back with some dj's playing two or three album tracks in a row, similar to Caroline. ARL left the air during July '76 after a raid from the P.O. resulting in a loss of all equipment. ARL planned a comeback during the Autumn of '76 but so far only two tests have been heard on 539m-221m mw. And so to the last station to be heard during '76...

R. Atlantis, this station was heard during the August bank holiday & at other times and was last heard on Christmas Day on 186m mw.

That concludes the history of pirate radio in Leicester, I hope you have enjoyed reading it as much as I have writing it, this story would have been impossible without the help of the LTIR, whose files & recordings I used in compiling this history. In the next edition of FRF there will be a look behind the scenes of Leicester's most famous pirate station, Delta Radio, so, until then, may I wish you a happy new year & GOOD LISTENING!

The Captain.

QSL OF THE MONTH. "Radio Sombrero" Sent in this month by Chris

Midgley.

If you have any attractive pirate qsl cards send them to the ed' for printing in FRF, all will be returned after use!

RADIO

SOMBRERO !

RADIO SOMBRERO

To Mr. Christopher Midgby

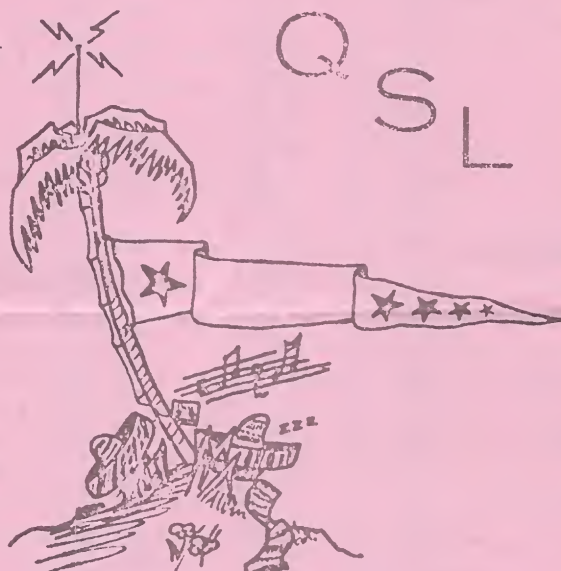
Radio Sombrero, "The Station with the Latin Sound", is pleased to verify your reception

Date: September 12, 1976

Time: 10.15 GMT

Freq: 6202 kHz

Aerial: Dipole



POPULARITY POLL,

1977

There are four catagories;...1)Best Programmes....2)Best QSL Card... 3)Best Station(taking into consideration replies, reception quality, number of broadcasts etc...)..4)Worst Station..... Please send three stations per catagory(i.e.1st,2nd & 3rd),one station only for worst station though...This years poll is in collaboration with 'Free Radio Waves.' Please send your votes to;13,THE CHASE,CRAWLEY,SUSSEX,RH10-6HW.ENGLAND;DEADLINE FOR VOTES-MON' 7/3/77. Last years results;Best Station..1,R.Valentine...2,ABC Europe..... Best QSL..1,Time R....2,Condor R....3,R.Vicky,ABC Europe,R.Titanic... *****
Free Radio Waves no.2 out now!Feature on Fen R., Blackburn/Walker argument on R.London,LMR raid+ the other FR news,SW,MW & FM;Only 10p +sae from;Flagstones,West Heath Lane,Sevenoaks,Kent TN13 ITA..... Living Free Radio mag' no.5 out now;25p+sae from;PO Box 416, Birmingham B32 2HS,England..... Radio Brief,published bi-monthly,legal & Offshore radio news,14p+sae from;8,Skardu Rd.,Cricklewood,London NW2 3ER,ENGLAND.....

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8 LOGBOOK.key;E=English/England.D=Dutch/Holland.G=German/West Germany.

P=Pop music.A=Album tracks.S=Soul music.T=Traditional music.WL=Where logged.Fo=Format.DX=DX/FR News.L=Letters.Te=Test.F=France.

Station**Date***Freq***Time,GMT**S:I:N:F:O:**Fo****WL**

Omissions from FFF10.

a)Playboy R.....5/12..6200....09.50.....2:3:4:3:2:..E/P....G..
b)R.Casablanca.....5/12..6225....10.40.....4:3:4:3:3:..ED/P....E..
c)Britain R. Int'....5/12..6265....12.08.....3:3:2:2:2:..E/P....E..

This months log...

1)R.Johnnie Walker..11/12..1322....00.20.....4:5:4:4:4:..EDG/O..E..
2)Time R.....11/12..6225....12.25.....3:3:3:3:3:..E/P....E..
3)Frick R.....11/12..6225....14.00.....3:3:2:3:3-2:E.....E..
4)R.Napoleon Int'...12/12..1318....00.18.....2:3:3:3:2:..D/E....E..
5)R.Smokey.....12/12..1324....00.24.....4:3:3:3:3:..ED/O....E..
6)R.Jackie(London)..12/12..1331....09.30.....5:5:5:5:5:..E/P....E..
7)R.Casablanca.....12/12..6214....10.25.....3:3:3:3:3:..DE/P....E..
8)Britain R.Int'...12/12..6265....11.15.....3:3:3:3:3:..E/P....E..
9)European Music R..12/12..6250....11.45.....2:2:2:2:2:..E/Te....E..
10)London Music R...12/12..1358....11.50.....2:2:3:2:2:..E/P....E..
11)Black Shadow R...12/12..6250....11.50.....3:3:4:4:3:..D/PT....E..
12)R.Verona.....12/12..6290....12.01.....3:3:3:3:3:..ED/O....E..
13)R.Hawaii.....16/12..1325....00.08.....4:4:4:4:4:..D/PT....E..
14)Z.Ali Baba.....16/12..1322....00.47.....2:3:3:3:3:..D.....E..
15)R.Hawaii.....17/12..1331....00.05.....3:3:4:4:2:..DEG/PT.E..
16)R.Zorro.....17/12..1318....00.23.....4:4:4:4:4:..EG/O....E..
17)R.Rozetta.....18/12..1326....00.01.....4:3:3:3:3:..D/P....E..
18)R.Hawaii.....18/12..1329....00.14.....4:4:4:4:4:..DEG/O..E..
19)R.Black Arrow....19/12..1324....00.30.....4:4:4:3:4:..DE/P....E..
20)R.Peter Wyngarde..19/12..1322....00.53.....3:3:3:3:3:..DE/O....E..
21)Tom Cat R.....19/12..1327....01.05.....3:4:4:3:3:..DE.....E..
22)R.Jackie.....19/12..1331....10.03.....3:4:4:4:4:..E/P....E..
23)R.Valleri.....19/12..6260....10.25.....4:3:4:4:4:..E/P....E..
24)R.Free Midlands..19/12..6275....10.30.....3:4:4:3:3:..E/PTe..E..
25)Black Shadow R...19/12..6220a..10.36.....5:4:4:4:4:..ED/Te..E..
26)Britain R.Int'...19/12..6265....11.20.....3:3:3:3:3:..E/P....E..
27)R.Verona.....19/12..6215....12.19.....3:4:3:3:3:..DE/O....E..
28)European Music R..19/12..6250....12.45.....4:4:3:3:3:..E/P....E..
29)R.Hawaii.....20/12..1326....00.33.....4:4:4:4:4:..E/P....E..
30)R.Valiant.....21/12..1331....00.30.....2:2:3:3:2:..ED/P....E..
31)Z.Ali Baba.....23/12..1334....00.29.....3:4:4:4:3:..ED.....E..
32)R.Johnnie Walker..24/12..1323....23.38.....3:3:3:3:3:..DE/P....E..
33)R.Jackie.....25/12..1331....09.40.....4:4:4:4:4:..E/P....E..
34)Frick R.....25/12..6225....10.05.....4:4:4:4:4:..E.....E..
35)R.Gemini.....25/12..6237....10.06.....3:4:4:3:4:..E/O....E..
36)Music R.(NL).....25/12..6223....10.45.....4:4:4:4:4:..EG/P....E..
37)R.Kaleidoscope...25/12..1372....11.08.....3:3:4:4:3:..E/P....E..
38)R.Zodiac Int'....25/12..6235....11.24.....2:3:3:3:2:..E/AO....E..
39)R.Verona.....25/12..6250....12.10.....3:4:4:3:3:..DE/P....E..
40)R.Verona.....25/12..6266....12.22.....3:4:3:3:3:..D/P....E..
41)R.London Int'....25/12..6250....12.50.....4:5:4:3:4:..E/A....E..
42)R.Smokey.....26/12..1321....00.33.....4:3:4:4:4:..ED/P....E..
43)Tom Cat R.....26/12..1328....00.45.....3:3:4:3:3:..ED/P....E..
44)R.Gemini.....26/12..6237....10.06.....3:4:4:3:4:..E/P....E..
45)R.Verona.....26/12..6278....10.10.....3:2:3:3:3:..D/P....E..
46)R.Free Midlands..26/12..6225....10.20.....3:4:3:3:3:..E/P....E..
47)R.Jackie.....26/12..1331....10.45.....4:5:5:5:4:..E/P....E..
48)Britain R.Int'...26/12..6265....10.49.....3:3:3:3:3:..E/P....E..
49)R.Channel 292....26/12..6255....11.21.....3:4:3:3:3:..G/S....E..
50)R.London Int'....26/12..6250....11.30.....2:2:3:2:2:..E/A....F..

Continued opposite..

STOP PRESS. RADIO VALLERI ON 6.202.5 AT 10.15 WITH A SIMPO OF 4.4.4.3.4. 6/2/77
WISE CHOICE.

logbook continued.

51	R. Wessex Int'	26/12	6217	11.45	2;4;3;2;2;	E/A	E	9
52	R. Solent City Int'	26/12	6280	11.57	3;4;3;3;3;	E/PTe	E	
53	ABC England	26/12	6270	12.10	4;4;4;4;4;	E/A	E	
54	Skyport R.	26/12	6250	12.46	4;3;4;3;3;	E/A	E	
55	R. Concord Int'	26/12	6250	13.28	2;2;2;3;2;	E/A	E	
56	R. Hawaii	27/12	1330	00.15	3;4;4;3;3;	EDG/PO	E	
57	Z. Ali Baba	27/12	1320	00.46	2;3;3;3;2;	DE	E	
58	R. Gloria Int'	27/12	227m	01.20	3;5;4;3;3;	E*	E	
59	R. Solent City Int'	27/12	6280	10.10	3;3;2;3;2-3	E/S	E	
60	R. Jackie	27/12	1331	10.23	4;5;5;5;4;	E/P	E	
61	R. Sunshine Int'	27/12	1610	11.20	5;4;5;5;5;	E/P	E	
62	R. Sunshine Int'	29/12	1325	00.08	3;4;3;3;3;	EG/O	E	
63	R. Channel 292	29/12	1310a	00.35	3;4;3;4;3-4	EG/DX	E	
64	R. Zorro	30/12	1324	00.15	3;4;4;4;4;	DE/PA	E	
65	R. Black Arrow	30/12	1378	00.24	4;3;4;3;4;	E/P	E	
66	Z. Ali Baba	30/12	1318	00.53	3;3;3;3;3;	D/T	E	
67	R. Hawaii	31/12	1329	00.05	4;4;4;3;4;	DE/P	E	
68	Jacky the Killer	31/12	1199	00.15	4;5;4;4;4;	EDG/PT	E	
69	R. Valiant	31/12	1325	00.55	3;3;3;3;3;	D	E	
70	Swingin' R. Eng'	1/1	1331	02.05	4;3;4;4;4;	E/O	E	
71	Britain R. Int'	1/1	6265	11.40	4;3;3;4;3;	E/O	E	
72	R. Solent City Int'	1/1	6280	12.20	2;2;2;2;2;	E/P	E	
73	R. Kaleidoscope	1/1	1322	13.07	2;3;3;4;2;	E	E	
74	R. Napoleon	2/1	1324	00.46	3;4;3;3;3;	D/O	E	
75	R. Jackie	2/1	1331	09.45	4;4;5;5;4;	E/P	E	
76	R. Valentine	2/1	6265	09.55	2;4;3;3;2;	EG	E	
77	R. Valleri	2/1	6260	10.47	4;3;4;4;4;	E/P	E	
78	ABC England	2/1	6270	11.02	4;5;4;4;4;	E/P	E	
79	R. Free Midlands	2/1	6275	11.47	3;3;3;3;3;	E/A	E	
80	R. Verona	2/1	6275	11.50	2;2;4;3;2;	DE/P	E	
81	R. Verona	2/1	6298	12.10	3;4;3;3;3;	E/T	E	
82	R. Hawaii	3/1	1322	00.00	4;4;4;4;4;	DEG/O	E	
83	Black Shadow R.	3/1	1317a	00.15	3;3;3;3;3;	DE/P	E	
84	R. Landor	3/1	1316	00.52	2;4;3;2;2;	E/C	E	
85	London Music R.	3/1	1358	11.45	2;4;3;4;3;	E/PA	E	
86	Skyport R.	3/1	6254	12.05	4;5;4;3;4;	E/PA	E	
87	Torro R.	8/1	1327a	00.10	3;3;3;3;3;	DEG/P	E	
88	R. Johnnie Walker	8/1	1322	00.25	4;3;3;4;3;	DEG/P	E	
89	R. Free Midlands	8/1	1322	23.35	2;4;4;3;2;	E/A	E	
90	Tom Cat R.	9/1	1328	00.20	3;2;3;3;2;	DE/P	E	
91	R. Napoleon	9/1	1335	01.05	3;4;4;4;4;	D/A	E	
92	R. Black Arrow	9/1	1375	02.30	3;3;3;3;3;	E/P	E	
93	R. Jackie	9/1	1331	10.12	3;4;4;4;4;	E/P	E	
94	R. Valleri	9/1	6260	10.21	3;3;3;3;3;	E/O	E	
95	R. Verona	9/1	6215	10.45	2;4;4;3;2;	DE/P	E	
96	Black Shadow R.	9/1	6317	11.05	4;4;4;4;4;	DE	E	
97	Britain R. Int'	9/1	6265	11.18	3;3;3;3;3;	E/P	E	
98	London Music R.	9/1	1358	11.39	3;2;3;3;2;	E/P	E	
99	R. Hawaii	10/1	1331	00.17	4;4;4;4;4;	ED/O	E	
100	Z. Ali Baba	10/1	1327	00.37	3;4;3;3;3;	D	E	
101	R. Condor	10/1	1314	00.55	2;4;3;3;2;	E/C	E	
102	Black Shadow R.	15/1	1317a	00.45	3;4;3;3;3;	DE/O	E	
103	R. Northsea Int'	16/1	6225	10.40	4;3;4;4;3;	E/P	E	
104	R. Valleri	16/1	6260	11.10	3;4;3;3;3;	E/O	E	
105	R. Jackie	16/1	1331	12.45	3;3;4;4;3;	E/P	E	
106	R. Maniac	16/1	6229	12.45	4;4;3;3;3;	E/Te	E	
+107	SOS (Sound of Swe)	22/1	1315a	00.15	3;3;3;3;3;	E/PO	E	
108	Black Shadow R.	22/1	1318a	00.30	3;2;3;3;2;	ED/O	E	
109	R. Northsea Int'	23/1	6225	10.00	4;5;4;4;4;	E/P	E	
110	R. Valleri	23/1	6260	11.20	3;3;4;3;3;	E/P	E	
111	R. Valleri	23/1	6202.5	11.30	4;3;4;4;4;	E/Te	E	
112	R. Jackie	23/1	1331	12.00	3;4;4;4;3;	E/P	E	
113	R. Verona	23/1	6252a	12.05	4;4;4;4;4;	DE/PT	E	

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Key to symbols; -Prog' called "Remember R.Valentine;"=not the same station as no.61; +=over the tx of R.Johnny Walker!..... Addresses;a,107)PO Box 46,N-6650 Surnadal,Norway;b,7)PO Box 428, Almelo 7900,NL;c,18,24,26,41,46,48,50,52,59,61,71,72,79,89,97)Kent Place,Norwell,Newark,Notts,Eng';1,32,88)c/o Simon Hindricks,Meerstraat 33,Emmen,NL;2)PO Box 2061,Eindhoven,NL;3,34)Postfach 320249,D-4000 Dusseldorf,FRG;4,11,25,74,83,91,96,102,108)PO Box 77,Raalte,NL;5).... Huizingaas'laan 3,Ten Boer(GR),NL;6,22,33,47,60,75,93,105,112)West Molsey,Surrey,Eng';9,28)7,Godric Rd.,Witham,Essex,Eng';10,85,98)19, Newport Court,London WC2,Eng';12,27,39,40,45,56,80,81,95,103,109,113) PO Box 41,Dedemsvaart,NL;13,15,18,29,67,68,82,99)Postbus 25,Emmercomp- ascuum,NL;14,31,57,66,100)PO Box 278,Zutphen,NL;16,64,87)PO Box 149, Emmen,NL;19,65,92)Bouwerschapsweg 48,Ten Boer(GR),NL;20)PO Box 603, Emmen,NL;21,43,90)PO Box 47,Oude Pekela,NL;23,54,70,77,86,94,104, 110,111)134,Eastworth Rd.,Chertsey,Surrey,Eng';30,69)Mosweg 45, Klazienveen,NL;35,44)6,Farm Way,Bushey,Watford,Herts,Eng';38)..... 13,The Chase,Crawley,Sussex,Eng';49,62,63)PO Box 512,D-4440 FRG.;51)Elmhurst,Bathroad,Marlborough,Wilts,Eng';53,78)42,Arran Close,Cambridge,Eng';55)The Kennels,Foulsham,Norfolk,Eng';58,76)... D-76 Offenbergl,PO Box 1823,FRG.;106)Mr.R.Ryan,Thrists Hall Farm, Theydon Bois,Essex,Eng'..... Identified(from FRF10)10b=R.Verona;10c=R.Casablanca;10d=Britain R.Int. Unidentified;11a)15/1,00.55GMT,1322kHz;SINFO=34333;Dutch station,pop music,Eng,Dutch & German anns.ID sounded like 'Belgrad'??..... 11b)12/12,6202kHz,10.00GMT,German announcements(Legal station??)..... 11c)22/1,6220kHz,00.10GMT,music=pop.ID in Dutch,faded out at 00.25... 11d)21/1,23.05GMT,1331approx,weak English station playing pop..... Deadline for logbook contributions for FRF12=Wed' 23/3/1977..... ***** FOCUS NEWSREEL Cont'd...

NEW STATIONS; Radio Lander uses a VFO tx on 228m mw,1331kHz,the sta- tion sounds as if it comes from Britain,although it claims to be broadcasting from the MV Lander,15miles off the mainland of Europe!! It broadcasts mainly country music,heard on Monday mornings,00.50GMT. N.B.C.(Northern Broadcasting)soon to open on around 6.3MHz with 25w. Their address is;NBC,13,Bowmans Rd.,Dartford,Kent...European Music R. heard on 12/12 on 6250kHz,address;7,Godric rd.,Witham,Essex,Eng'..... Premier R from Dublin should be on soon on 6240kHz using;134,Eastworth Rd.,Chertsey,Surrey,Eng' as a mailing address...A new station from West Germany to be on soon is Radio 65,they are to use 6201.5kHz..... R.Free England,a new station from East Anglia was on 1331kHz from 10.50-15.00 on Boxing Day.Power was 46w erp.Address;c/o Kent Place, Norwell,Newark,Notts...Dutch Landbased Stations;R.Smokey which broad- casts with 70-90watts on 227m every Sat' night,in a letter from the operator say they have been caught 4 times & has had a one month prison sentence.R.Black Arrow has been raided once & if caught again is faced with a 3 week prison sentence.They run 100w on 227m or 1376 kHz.The operator of Jacky the Killer says he has been in jail for 8 months(although he doesn't say what for.)The station won't be on mw anymore but on the 48mb.R.Verona runs 40w on sw & mw & is known as the Red Baron on mw.They also transmit on 102MHz FM with 50w..... British Landbased Stations;Skynport R.made their final transmission on sw for the time being on 3/1.(Possibly closed for good,)a set of 5 photo's of the staff,studio & transmitter can be obtained for £1 from; 134 Eastworth Rd.,Chertsey,Surrey,Eng'.Britain R.Int's transmission on 26/12 was in parallel with 7110kHz & 21453kHz as well as 6265kHz. R.Kaleidoscope from London which closed in Feb' last year was heard twice over the holiday period in the London area on 1372kHz,an address in Lodon W1 was read out.Swinging R.Eng' whose court case was featured in FRF10 was heard broadcasting again on Boxing Day from East Anglia.

Continued Opposite.

ABC COURT CASE

On Thursday, 3rd February 1977 four people appeared at Ely magistrates court faced with 15 charges concerning the running of an illegal radio station and the operation of walkie-talkies without a licence, among others. After a discussion with the bench, defence & Home Office before the hearing the number of charges was reduced from 15 to 8. Two charges for each appearing.

The four being prosecuted were; Paul Duke, Chris Cortez, Dave Parrot & Tony Jackson.

Mr. Anthony Brentnall prosecuting for the Home Office said that after an unsuccessful attempt to raid ABC England earlier last year because of their efficient look out system using walkie-talkies a successful raid was carried out on 3rd October 1976 in which the transmitter, power supply unit, car battery, radio-cassette recorder & radii telephones were confiscated. He also stated that the channel used by ABC' was allocated to marine communication. ABC' point out though that no emergency messages are transmitted on this channel.

In the defence, it was stated that the operators were campaigning for radio free from government control as it was in 1920, before the formation of the BBC when there were a number of local independent stations over the country, the four pleaded guilty to the charges & after a discussion with the jury the judge fined them £25 for each charge against them (£50 each) + £25 costs each, a total of £75 per person & an overall total of £300.

The Home Office requested the forfeiture of all the equipment confiscated on 3/10/76 raid, the judge ordered the return of the cassette/radio recorder & the radio telephones though!

Meanwhile ABC England were on the air the following Sunday, 6/2/77, between 11.00 & 13.00 on 6270kHz. ABC's address is; 42, Arran Close, Cambridge, England... A history of ABC' can be seen in FRF7.....

MEBO II LATEST!! The Mebo II left Rotterdam harbour on 14th January 1977, the destination reported to be Libya, outside Tripoli harbour to be exact where it will broadcast as "People's Revolutionary Radio", (good grief!) The station was bought Gadafi & his government for over a million pounds. The Libyan embassy it is reported, has verified this news. If this is true, although I still find it hard to accept, then it is a major disaster for free radio. Not only the loss forever of RNI but a political offshore station is in our midst, (remember R. Free America off the coast of Cape May, New Jersey in Sep't 1973 run by Rev. Carl McIntyre.) The trip for the Mebo to Libya will take about 31 days.

Peace Ship. The Voice Of Peace now has an FM transmitter on board which should have come into operation by now, the reason is that the medium wave signal is not penetrating inland very far. Plans for a SW transmitter have unfortunately been dropped although the tv station is going ahead. The PAL system has been decided on rather than the SECAM system which is an inferior system to PAL. (See FRF9.) After Christmas, film of the Peace ship going through the Suez canal was shown on BBC Television news. Don Stevens has left the Peace ship, thanks to Don's wife Ann in Canada who sent us an article on Peoples Co-op radio in Canada. HI to all of us here at FRF/FORP.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN OUR POLL, SEE PAGE 7!!

MONITER MAGAZINE! No. 13 out now, comprehensive reports on Caroline, Mi-Amigo, Peace, WMR & the Mebo II latest. Only 25p+sae from; 31, Avondale Road, BENTLEET, Essex.....

More LOGBOOK.

Some Omissions from the logbook, sent in by Rainer Brandt, FRG.....
 Jacky the killer, 12/12, 1322, 23.05GMT, 33333, E/P; R. Johnny Walker, 26/12,
 1331kHz, 00.24GMT, 44343, E/P; R. Hanky Panky, 30/12, 1325kHz, 00.50GMT,
 44444, E/D/P; R. Peter Wyngarde, 30/12, 1325kHz, 02.05GMT, 44444, ED/P; Meister
 London, 2/1, 1327kHz, 23.44GMT, 33333, D/T; R. Black Mexican, 9/1, 1331kHz, 01.06
 GMT, 44444, D/T; R. Coberco Int', 14/1, 1350kHz, 22.50GMT, 44343, D/T; R. Black-
 bird, 14/1, 1325kHz, 23.04GMT, 43333, ED/P; Houston R., 30/1, 1322kHz, 01.13GMT,
 44444, D/T; R. Fantastic, 30/1, 6225kHz, 09.49GMT, 43433, E/P; R. Omega, 30/1,
 6275kHz, 10.14GMT, 33222, Sw/P.....
 Some addresses; R. Fantastic-PO Box 46, N-6650 Surnadal, Norway;
 R. Verona (NEW ADDRESS!) PO Box 81, Vroomshop, NL.;
 R. Blackbird-PO Box 31, Emmercompascuum, NL.;
 R. Hanky Panky-PO Box 149, Emmen, NL.;
 R. Coberco Int'-PO Box 77, Raalte, NL.;

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FRF12, e.g. -logbook, news, qsl's, cuttings,
 articles etc.... Wednesday, 9th March -1977.

GO ON MILANO!

C-30 stereo cassette with studio recordings of R. MILANO INT', Milans
 most popular free radio station, £2 (INC' P&P) from; Urheilukatu 9,
 SF-94100, KEMI 10, FINLAND....

STEREO

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Cutting from Daily Telegraph, 28/1/77.
 See page 2.

2 FINED AFTER POP RADIO TRIP

TWO men were fined at Southend yesterday for advertising an illegal broadcasting station, Radio Caroline, and supplying newspapers and letters to a pirate radio ship, the Mi Amigo, 274 tons, anchored 20 miles off the Kent coast.

DAVID HURSON, 27, storekeeper, of Sandon Road, Vange, Essex, was fined £125 when he admitted three offences of publishing badges advertising Radio Caroline and supplying the Mi Amigo,

Mr. HURSON, in supplying the vessel, was fined £200, having had a previous conviction for a similar offence in 1975. Each was ordered to pay £20 costs.

Mr. ORLANDO POWNALL, for Hurson, said the prosecutions were brought under the 1967 Marine Broadcasting Offences Act, introduced when independent radio was frowned upon.

He said: "Now we have Capital Radio, LBC and independent radio stations in most major cities. It seems an oversight that this Act has not been repealed."



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 WEEK IN MARCH,
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